

HONG KONG IS A WONDERFUL PLACE:

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Welcome to the London Film Festival; the Hong Kong Government Office hopes you enjoy yourself. It has laid on this hospitality especially for you. You will be able to wine and dine and see what a recent advertisement in the London Evening Standard described as "an exciting and thought provoking programme of ten new Hong Kong films." Now here is something equally thought provoking.

For the past five years, the government of Hong Kong has been waging a campaign of unconditional hatred against one man, a Malaysian citizen. In 1982, following bellicose pronouncements from communist China, the Hong Kong property market collapsed and several of the Colony's high flying speculative property companies went to the wall. One of these, the Carrion Group, was wound up with debts totalling several billions of Hong Kong dollars. Carrion supremo George Tan, along with several others, was arrested and charged with fraud. Tan was released on HK \$50 million bail which was put up by his secretary! Two bent solicitors fled the Colony, another was found dead in mysterious circumstances and a bank auditor was murdered by a hit man in the pay of the Malaysian Government.



The Carrion Group had, apparently, been boosting its share price by dodgy "Guinness - style dealings", (naughty naughty). It had also been dishing out "consultancy fees" left, right and centre. These fees, ie backhanders were paid principally to its financial advisers, the directors of the Hong Kong subsidiary of a Malaysian bank, called Bumiputra Malaysia Finance. One of the major recipients of these bribes was Ibrahim Jaafar, general manager of BMF. Mr Jaafar, who was described by a Hong Kong judge

as "a self-confessed liar" whose testimony was "monumentally unreal" put the finger on his boss, Lorrain Osman. As a result of this, Mr Osman, a non-executive director of BMF was arrested at his London home on 6th December 1985.

HE IS STILL IN PRISON UNCONVICTED OF ANY OFFENCE AND IS NOW A CATEGORY "A" PRISONER.

Mr Osman is currently pursuing his fourth application for habeas corpus, which will fail because the Hong Kong Government has told the Home Office to send him back to Hong Kong where he can be sent down for fifteen years on a bum rap. Mr Osman is being scapegoated to save the skins of several top Malaysian politicians and to enable the British Government to curry favour with Malaysia's corrupt regime.

However, none of this would be possible without the willing acquiescence of the Hong Kong government who have made it clear that they wish to see Mr Osman die in prison while the real villains go free.

We hope you enjoy the hospitality of the Hong Kong Government Office; we'd like to join you in the free buffet, but if we did, we'd choke.

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